

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

December 18, 2020

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Mr. Nick Bauer Democratic National Committee 430 S. Capitol Street, SE Washington, DC 20003

Dear Mr. Bauer:

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. EPA-2020-005684

This letter is in reference to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on July 8, 2020 requesting the following:

1. Any record, including – but not limited to – expense reports, reimbursement records, invoices, expenditure records, receipts, and credit card or travel charge card statements, that include a listing of all expenses incurred by, or on behalf of <u>Administrator Andrew Wheeler</u>, or any expenditures where Administrator Wheeler was listed as a recipient or beneficiary of the expenditure. This request covers October 1, 2019 to April 1, 2020.

Response: The agency has concluded its search for records responsive to your request. The attached provides the Administrator's documentation.

2. Any record, including – but not limited to – expense reports, reimbursement records, vouchers, invoices, expenditure records, receipts, and credit card or travel charge card statements, that include a listing of all expenses incurred by, or on behalf of, <u>any individual who served as Chief of Staff of the Environmental Protection Agency</u> or any expenditures where the Chief of Staff was listed as a recipient or beneficiary of the expenditure. This request covers October 1, 2019 to April 1, 2020.

Response: The agency has concluded its search for records responsive to your request. The attached provides the Chief of Staff's documentation.

You may appeal this determination by email at hq.foia@epa.gov, or by mail to the EPA's National FOIA Office, U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2310A), Washington, DC 20460 or through FOIAonline if you are an account holder. If you are submitting your appeal by hand delivery, courier service, or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., WJC-N Building, Room 7309C, Washington, DC 20460. Your appeal must be in writing, and it must be received no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals received after the 90-calendar-day limit. Appeals received after 5:00 p.m. EST will be considered received the next business day.

The appeal letter should include the FOIA tracking number listed above. For quickest possible handling, the subject line of your email, the appeal letter, and its envelope, if applicable, should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." If you need any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, you may seek assistance from EPA's FOIA Public Liaison at hq.foia@epa.gov or call (202) 566-1667. You may also seek assistance from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways: by mail, Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001; email: ogis@nara.gov; telephone: (202) 741-5770 or (877) 684-6448; or fax: (202) 741-5769. For all media inquiries, please contact press@epa.gov.

Additionally, you may seek assistance from EPA's FOIA Public Liaison at hq.foia@epa.gov or (202) 566-1667, or from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways: by mail, Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001; email, ogis@nara.gov; telephone, (301) 837-1996 or (877) 684-6448; or fax, (301) 837-0348.

Sincerely,

Meshell Jones-Peeler Deputy Controller

Enclosures

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